

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/JP2005/003478

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-14 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 received by this Authority on 30.09.2005
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets fig. 1-11 as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☒ the claims, nos. 2, 7, 11
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>4, 5, 8, 9</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1, 3, 6, 10, 12, 13, 14</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
<p>Document 1: JP 2002-524326 A (The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.), 06 August 2002, the claims and the drawings</p> <p>Document 2: JP 11-278021 A (Bridgestone Corp.), 12 October 1999, claims; paragraphs [0018] to [0021] and the drawings</p> <p>Document 3: JP 2003-54228 A (Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd.), 26 February 2003, the claims and the drawings</p> <p>Claims 1, 3, 6, 10, 12, 13 and 14</p> <p>The inventions set forth in claims 1, 3, 6, 10, 12, 13 and 14 do not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 cited in the international search report.</p> <p>Document 1 (fig. 4A, 4B and 7) illustrates a support for an electronic device, and said support comprises an inclined section, which has a tapered form along the insertion direction (i.e., the direction in which the engaging protrusion is inserted into the engaging recess), and withdrawal preventing sections, which are contiguous with the inclined section and have sharp edges that are oriented in the withdrawal direction (i.e., the direction in which the engaging protrusion is</p>			

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withdrawn from the engaging recess). Therein, the structure for mounting electronic devices that is disclosed in document 1 is engaged by pressing the engaging protrusion into the engaging recess.

On the other hand, in the invention disclosed in document 1 the sides of the engaging recess do not have a zigzagging region with a zigzagging pattern that engages with the engaging protrusion. However, it is common practice to provide a zigzagging region to the complimentary surfaces of two members in order to ensure that the members engage in a satisfactory manner, and thus it would have been easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of providing a zigzagging region on the sides of the recess in the invention disclosed in document 1.

Claims 4, 5, 8 and 9

The inventions set forth in claims 4, 5, 8 and 9 are not disclosed in any of documents 1 to 3, which are cited in the international search report, and would not have been obvious to a person skilled in the art.